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LOK SABHA

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PAK TRAINING TO YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of youths from the country, especially from Jammu and Kashmir have been going to Pakistan or Pakistan Occupied Kashmir for terrorist training in the recent years;

(b) if so, the estimated number of youths who went there in the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check this trend?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) and (b): The Pak ISI network was able to rope in gullible youth initially to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir.Pakistan/POK has been providing all help to terrorist outfits in the shape of training, equipment, arms and money to the militants so as to undertake subversion on Indian soil.

While it is not feasible to give exact figures in this regard, as estimates vary widely, as per available reports, approximately 2800 youth have exfiltrated from Jammu and Kashmir during the years 1998 to 2001.

(c): Government of Jammu and Kashmir is taking the following measures to check this trend:-

(a) Employment to un-employed educated youth in different Government Departments.More than 85,000 youth have been provided Government jobs.

(b) Soft loans under different self-employment schemes have been provided to young entrepreneurs.

(c) Revival of tourist industry.

(d) Revival of Handicrafts industry.

(e) Better Border Management.

(f) Plugging of all known routes of infiltration/exfiltration.